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### **Gloria World Open 2016 ready for the world's best dance competitors!** **Sunny Belek again venue for World DanceSport Federation Tournaments**



Gloria World Open takes place for the second time in 2016

The right venue: Gloria Sports Arena as the largest sports facility of Turkey

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**Belek/Frankfurt (primo PR), November 2015. After the successful premiere of the Gloria World Open last March, the second World DanceSport Federation Tournament (WDSF) in the Turkish Belek near Antalya is fixed for the dates 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. Özaltin Holding, the owner of the Gloria Hotels & Resorts, is once again hosting this choreographic master world with 12 international open tournaments, including the two WDSF International Open Adult Standard and Latin. All five youth groups are also in the program for both disciplines. The venue for the Gloria Open 2016 is once again the largest sports facility of Turkey, the Gloria Sports Arena. Registrations are possible from now on via [www.gloriaopen.com](http://www.gloriaopen.com). Further information: [www.gloria.com.tr](http://www.gloria.com.tr).**

Under the direction of the World Dance Sport Federation (WDSF) the first Gloria World Open successfully took place from 21<sup>st</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2015 in Belek near Antalya. In the Gloria Sports Arena more than 300 dancing couples from 30 countries competed in 14 start classes. All results can be downloaded here: [www.gloriaworldopen.com](http://www.gloriaworldopen.com).

„Our long-term plan is to establish the region Belek near Antalya as the worldwide venue for competition dancing“, said Nuri Özaltin, chairman of Özaltin Holding, the owner of the Gloria Hotels & Resorts „We are very happy that we are once again official partner of the second edition of the WDSF tournaments. The cooperation with the WDSF and the World Dance Federation of Turkey will further strengthen our venue in the worldwide ballroom dancing scene.”

More than 50 sports can be trained indoor and outdoor in the Gloria Sports Arena in Belek, only 30 minutes away from Antalya airport. The indoor premise with a size of 6.800sqm is a multifunctional hall, which can be used for different training sessions and tournaments. Professionals and amateurs or holidaymakers find here everything for the sporty heart.



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Tournament partners can register for this top event now via [www.gloriaopen.com](http://www.gloriaopen.com). Visitors can soon purchase tickets online. In the meantime ticket requests can be send via Email to [volkan@seansorg.com](mailto:volkan@seansorg.com).

Overnight possibilities are directly at the Gloria Sports Arena, which also has a sports hotel with 100 rooms, or just 5 kilometres away at the shuttle-connected three 5-star hotels of the Gloria Hotels & Resorts: Gloria Serenity Resort, Gloria Golf Resort and Gloria Verde Resort.

Further information:

[www.gloria.com.tr](http://www.gloria.com.tr)

[www.gloriaopen.com](http://www.gloriaopen.com)

[www.gloriasportsarena.com.tr/de](http://www.gloriasportsarena.com.tr/de)

<https://www.worlddancesport.org/WDSF>

### **About WDSF**

The World DanceSport Federation (WDSF), formerly the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF), is one of the three international governing bodies of [dancesport](#) and [Wheelchair DanceSport](#). Carlos Freitag is its president, with head quarter in [Sant Cugat del Vallès, Spain](#). Originally founded in 1957 as the International Council of Amateur Dancers (ICAD), it took up the name IDSF in 1990. In 2011, it was renamed to WDSF to emphasize the global character of the organization. Since 1997 the WDSF is recognized by the [International Olympic Committee](#) (IOC) and the [International Paralympic Committee](#) (IPC). It is the member of the [General Association of International Sports Federations](#) (GAISF), der [International World Games Association](#) (IWGA) and the [Association of the IOC Recognized International Sports Federations](#) (ARISF). The federation has 86 national member federations on five continents. 62 of these federations are recognized by their National Olympic Committees. The WDSF represents more than four million athletes and aims for establishing dancing as an Olympic sports. The dance sport took part in the medal program at the [World Games 2005](#) in [Duisburg](#).

### **About Gloria Hotels & Resorts**

Where the Mediterranean and the Taurus meet, the Gloria Hotels & Resorts, a part of the renowned Turkish company Özaltın Holding from Ankara, inspire with their five-star resorts in the whole year destination Belek, just 30 kilometres away from Antalya airport. Those are, on a total area of 212 hectares, the three hotels Gloria Golf Resort (since 1997), Gloria Verde Resort (since 2001) and Gloria Serenity Resort (since 2007) as well as the Gloria Villas and the Gloria Golf Club, which is the largest golf course in Turkey with 45-holes (two 18-hole championship courses and a 9-hole academic course), designed by the French golf course architect Michel Gayon. The Gloria Convention Centre offers with the latest technological facilities the right platform for meetings, congresses and events of all kind. Furthermore Özaltın Holding opened the Gloria Sports Arena in January 2015 – the biggest sports arena in Turkey for professionals and amateurs with more than 50 sports possibilities. Whether holidays with golfing equipment, for the soul with plenty of oriental spa highlights and gourmet experiences or with numerous leisure activities for the family – the Gloria Hotels & Resorts with their master plan offer a multitude of services for many different target groups. [www.gloria.com.tr](http://www.gloria.com.tr).